

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

Roland Thomas Murray, Jr.,

Petitioner,

v.

The State of Nevada,

Respondent.

Case No.: 2:21-cv-00426-APG-VCF

**Order Denying Application to Proceed *in Forma Pauperis* and Denying Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus**

[ECF No. 1]

**I. Introduction**

This is a *habeas corpus* action under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. Petitioner Murray is in custody at the Clark County Detention Center. In the state district court, he is facing charges of one count each of burglary of a business, forgery, and attempted theft.<sup>1</sup> In this court, he has filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*<sup>2</sup> and a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. I will deny both.

**II. Legal Standard**

Rule 1(b) of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts ("Habeas Rules") permits me to apply the Habeas Rules to § 2241 habeas cases, which I will do. Habeas Rule 4 states, "If it plainly appears from the petition and any attached exhibits that the petitioner is not entitled to relief in the district court, the judge must dismiss the petition and direct the clerk to notify the petitioner."

<sup>1</sup> *State v. Murray*, Case No. C-21-354299-1.  
<https://www.clarkcountycourts.us/Anonymous/CaseDetail.aspx?CaseID=12113256> (report generated March 19, 2021).

<sup>2</sup> ECF No. 1.

1 **III. Discussion**

2 **A. The petition plainly is without merit**

3 Every ground in the petition is frivolous and based upon misguided, sovereign-citizen  
4 mantra: gold fringe on the flag, the United States is a business entity representing banks, names  
5 in all capital letters, Murray being a fictional persona and not a real person, and Murray having a  
6 surety bond with the United States Treasury.<sup>3</sup> The grounds are meritless, and no amendment  
7 could cure that. I will deny the petition.

8 Reasonable jurists would not find my determinations to be debatable or wrong, so I will  
9 not issue a certificate of appealability.

10 **B. The application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is incomplete**

11 Murray did not submit a financial certificate completed and signed by the jail's financial  
12 officer. Murray also did not attach a copy of his inmate account statement. I will deny the  
13 application. There is no point for Murray to file a new, complete application, because the  
14 petition itself is plainly frivolous.

15 **IV. Conclusion**

16 I THEREFORE ORDER that the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is  
17 **DENIED.**

18 I FURTHER ORDER the clerk of the court to file the petition for a writ of habeas corpus  
19 under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, currently in the docket at ECF No. 1-1.

20 I FURTHER ORDER that the petition for a writ of habeas corpus is **DENIED.**

21 I FURTHER ORDER that a certificate of appealability will not issue.  
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<sup>3</sup> ECF No. 1-1 at 6-7.

1 I FURTHER ORDER the clerk to add Aaron Ford, Attorney General for the State of  
2 Nevada, as counsel for the respondents.

3 I FURTHER ORDER the clerk to provide copies of this order and all prior filings to the  
4 Attorney General in a manner consistent with the clerk's current practice, such as regeneration of  
5 notices of electronic filing. No response by the Attorney General is necessary.

6 I FURTHER ORDER the clerk of the court to enter judgment accordingly and close this  
7 action.

8 DATED this 19th of March, 2021.



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ANDREW P. GORDON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE